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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Ron Jones, Chairman
c/o Sharla Dillon, Docket and Records Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: TRA Consolidated Docket No. 03-00585

Dear Chairman Jones

I am writing this letter on behalf of the members of the Rural Coalition and in response to the November 30, 2005 filing submitted on behalf of the CMRS Providers. Because the parties have burdened this Authority with numerous voluminous filings, our response to the November 30 filing will be contained in this letter.

The members of the Rural Coalition would certainly like to have this matter fully and finally resolved. In fact, it is undisputed that, at the conclusion of these proceedings or at the conclusion of successful negotiations between the parties, the CMRS Providers will owe payments to the Rural Coalition. In other words, it is the Rural Coalition Members, not the CMRS Providers, who are not getting paid.

Having said that, however, the Rural Coalition Members certainly believe that the CMRS Providers and the members of the Coalition should continue negotiations. In fact, the parties have had no discussions regarding the disagreements between the parties about the TELRIC-Compliant models proposed by the Rural Coalition Members. Thus, at a minimum, the representatives of the Rural Coalition and representatives of the CMRS Providers should meet face to face in an effort "to reach agreement concerning the specific methodologies and formulas to be used by the Coalition Members in performing their costs studies . . ." as required by the Authority's October 25, 2005 Order. The parties have had no such face to face meeting (and, in fact, no substantive discussions whatsoever) in an effort to reach agreement on those issues. It is

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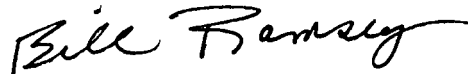
the Coalition's position that such a meeting should occur, and that this Authority's October 25, 2005 Order envisioned that such a meeting would occur.

In addition, the Rural Coalition agrees with the Authority that the procedural schedule in this matter should continue to be suspended until such time as the Authority has entered an Order memorializing its findings in the prior proceedings in this matter.

Finally, the Rural Coalition Members point out that Tennessee consumers are still able to send and receive telephone communications between the CMRS Providers and the Rural Coalition Members. There is no disruption of service. Moreover, the CMRS Providers are not paying the Rural Coalition Members for carrying the traffic. It is the Rural Coalition Members who are waiting to be paid, and it is their position that the parties should continue to try to resolve as many issues as possible by agreement after this Authority has issued its Order memorializing its decision in the previous proceedings in this matter. At the end of the day, when the matter is fully resolved, by agreement or otherwise, the payments will be subject to true up anyway.

Consequently, the Coalition Members respectfully submit that the Authority's October 25, 2005 Order suspending procedural schedule continue to remain in effect in accordance with its terms.

Sincerely,



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